GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1028
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SALWA JUDUM MOVEMENT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation against the ongoing violence on account of `Salwa Judum` movement against Maoists;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the number of Adivasis displaced and living in camps on account of the movement; and

(d) the action propose to de-escalate violence and create conditions to enable people to return to their villages?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): There have been some demands seeking withdrawal of Salwa Judum on the grounds that it is a police operation and that ordinary tribals have become victims of depredations of the police as well as naxalites.

(c): As per available reports, over 50,000 Salwa Judum activists are living in the relief camps.

(d): Salwa Judum is a movement for peace. It is an initiative by local people against the violent activities of naxalites in their stronghold area of Dantewada district in Chhattisgarh. In the light of naxalite attacks against Salwa Judum activists and the relief camps, the State Govt. has been advised to take immediate steps to provide maximum security to the relief camps and create an atmosphere conducive for return of these local people to their native habitats.